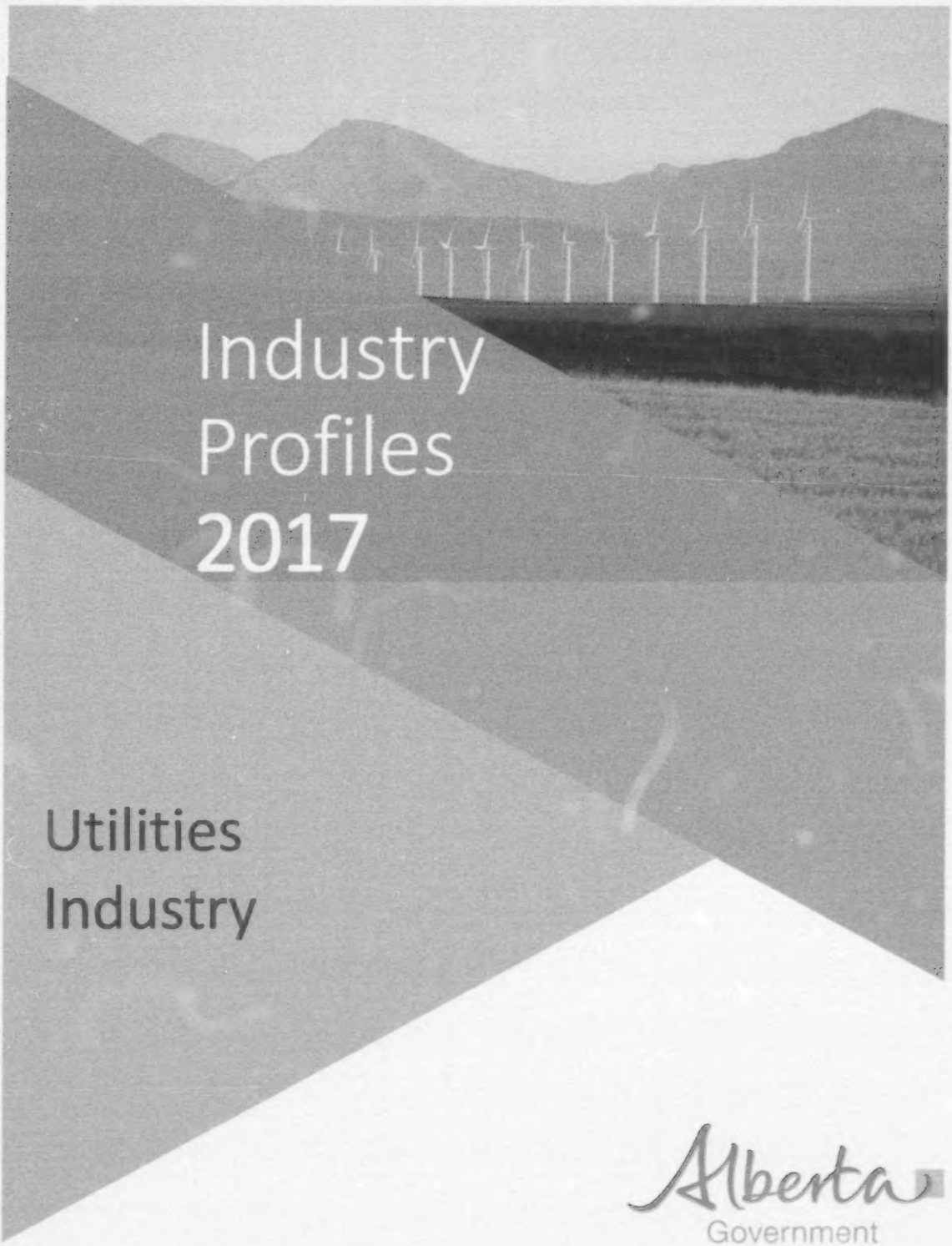

Industry Profiles 2017

Utilities Industry

Alberta Government

OVERVIEW

The Utilities industry[1] in Alberta includes:

- electric power generation, transmission and distribution;
- natural gas distribution; and
- water, sewer and irrigation systems.

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[1] North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 2007 major group 22

SECTION A
BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

1. 2016 Employment and Unemployment Numbers and Rates

Table 1

	Alberta	Utilities Industry
Employment	2,263,800	19,800
Employment Share	N/A	0.9%
Unemployment	208,800	N/A
Unemployment rate	8.1%	N/A

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, CANSIM Table 282-0008, 2016
Note: Note: N/A denotes not-applicable. Employment share is obtained by dividing the number of employment in this industry by total employment in Alberta.

For more information on employment numbers or for a historical comparison, please go to the Labour Force Statistics[2] website or Statistics Canada[3].

2. Industry's Growth

- The Utilities industry accounted for 0.9% of total employment in Alberta in 2016.
- Employment in this industry is expected to grow at an average rate of 1.2% from 2016 to 2019[4].
- The industry is expected to account for 0.8% of total employment in Alberta in 2017.

For more information, see the Alberta Learning Information Service (ALIS)[5] website for descriptions of industries.

[2] See http://work.alberta.ca/labour/labour-force-statistics-and-annual-reviews.html
[3] See http://www.statcan.gc.ca
[4] Alberta Modified Canadian Occupational Projection System (COPS) Outlook 2015 – 2019, Industry Employment Outlook
[5] See http://www.alis.alberta.ca

3. Facts, Trends and Outlook

According to Statistics Canada's National Economic Accounts, the Utilities industry accounted for approximately 1.4% of Alberta's Gross Domestic Product in 2015, down from 1.6% in 2005. Its contribution to Alberta's total employment remained steady at 0.9% from 2006 to 2016.

Total employment (the total number of employees and self-employed people, 15 years and over) in 2016 was 2.0% lower than its level in 2015. Over the last 10 years, employment increased by 2,200 from 2006, a 12.5% increase. There were 19,800 employed in the industry in 2016, of which 97.0% were full time.

Table 2

Characteristic	Alberta	Utilities
Median Retirement Age (years)	63.3	59.4
Average Number of Hours Worked per Week	36.2	40.0
Multiple Jobholders (% of total employment)	5.9%	N/A
Average Job Tenure (months)	90.2	97.7
Employees Under Union Coverage (%)	20.8%	42.9%
Employees Working Overtime per Week (%)	17.1%	23.2%

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, CANSIM Tables 282-0022, 282-0031, 282-0042, 282-0078 and 282-0084, 2016, and custom tabulation (median retirement age)
Note: N/A denotes data not available due to the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act
Note: The percentage of multiple jobholders is obtained by dividing the number of multiple jobholders by total employment. This calculation method also applies to the percentage of employees under union coverage and the percentage of employees working overtime per week.

4. Size of Businesses in Alberta and the Industry

Table 3

Establishment Size	Businesses in Alberta		Businesses in Utilities	
	Number of Employees	%*	Number of Employees	%*
Less than 20 employees	673,000	35.6%	3,600	18.2%
20 to 99 employees	671,400	35.5%	4,900	24.7%
100 to 500 employees	346,900	18.3%	7,100	35.9%
More than 500 employees	199,800	11.0%	4,200	21.2%

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, CANSIM Table 282-0076, 2016

* Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding

Note: Statistics Canada's survey methodology for determining establishment size differs from the one it uses in the Labour Force Survey to determine total employment. As a result, the total number of employees by establishment size will not be the same as total employment in the industry, except by coincidence.

SECTION B
HUMAN RESOURCES PROFILE

1. Occupational Information

Some examples of occupations that can be found in the Utilities industry include:

- gas utility operator;
- utility clerk;
- water and wastewater treatment plant operator;
- power lineman; and
- power system electrician.

For a complete listing of all occupations related to this industry, as well as detailed information on education and skill requirements, visit the Alberta Occupational Profiles[6] website.

2. Demographics: Gender and Age

According to the Labour Force Survey, the gender breakdown in the Utilities industry in 2016 was as follows:

- women employed: 6,500 people, or 32.8%
- men employed: 13,300 people, or 67.2%

Overall in Alberta, women accounted for 45.5% and men made up 54.5% of total employment (for all industries).

Table 4

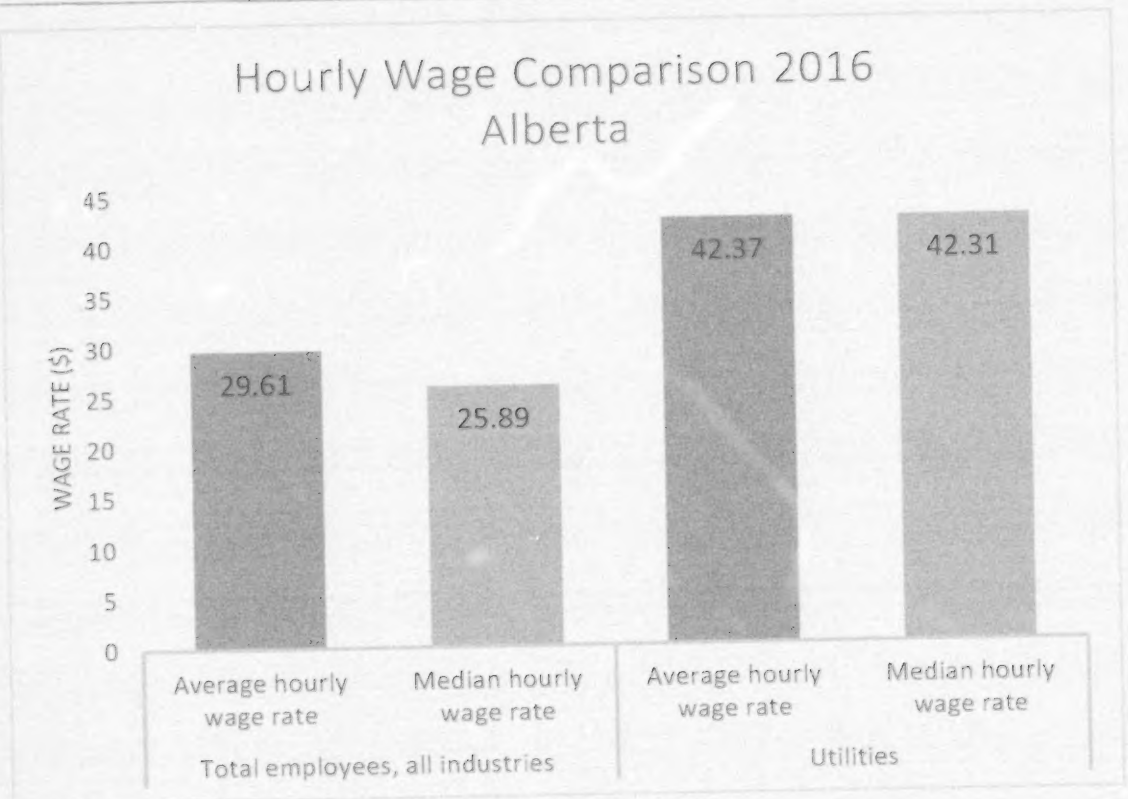
Age Characteristics	Employment in Alberta		Employment in Utilities	
	Number	%*	Number	%*
15-24 years	303,200	13.4%	N/A	N/A
25-54 years	1,536,000	67.9%	15,000	75.8%
55 years and over	424,600	18.8%	3,500	17.7%

Data Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, CANSIM Table 282-0008, 2016
*Percentages may not add up 100 due to rounding.

[6] See http://occinfo.alis.alberta.ca/occinfopreview

3. Wages and Salaries

Chart 1



Data Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, CANSIM Table 282-0072, 2016
Note: The average hourly wage is obtained by dividing the sum of the wages of all the employees by the total number of employees. The median hourly wage is that wage below which half the employees earn and above which half the employees earn.

Wage and Salary Information for Selected Occupations

Table 5

Occupation	Average Hourly Wage			Average Annual Salary
	Starting	Overall	Top	
Utilities manager	$59.89	$67.07	$76.55	$140,750
Waterworks and gas maintenance worker	$29.15	$42.59	$50.15	$88,215
Electrical power line and cable workers	$35.39	$49.31	$51.46	$102,568

Data Source: 2015 Alberta Wage and Salary Survey

For more information on the *2015 Alberta Wage and Salary Survey*, refer to the WAGEinfo[7] website. For job descriptions, duties, skills and educational requirements of specific occupations in the Utilities industry, visit the ALIS[8] website.

[7] See http://www.alis.alberta.ca/wageinfo
[8] See http://www.alis.alberta.ca

SECTION C
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Links to Industry Associations

- Alberta Energy Regulator (http://www.aer.ca)
- Canadian Gas Association (http://www.cga.ca)
- Canadian Wind Energy Association (http://www.canwea.ca)
- Canadian Electricity Association (http://www.electricity.ca)

Call us or visit our website for more information or to find the following publications:

- 2016 Annual Alberta Labour Market Review
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www.work.alberta.ca/labour.html (see Labour Market Information)
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